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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Samuel Tremont et al.

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Examiner: Deborah C. Lambkin

APPLICATION NO.: 10/743,404

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Group Art Unit: 1626

FILING DATE: December 23, 2003

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TITLE: Mono- and Di-Fluorinated Benzothiepine :  
Compounds as Inhibitors of Apical  
Sodium Co-Dependent Bile Acid  
Transport (ASBT) and Taurocholate  
Uptake

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

This is filed in response to an Office Action mailed on March 15, 2005. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following remarks. This response is being timely filed within three months of the mailing date of the Office Action. Thus no petition and extension of time fees are due.